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Traffic Fatality #22

Case: 09-0950329

Date: Sunday, April 05, 2009

Time: 1:47 a.m.

Location: 4200 block East Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

Deceased: Elliott Keith Haliburton, Black Male, (D.O.B. 03/15/1967)

Arrested: Hernandez-Rodriguez, Mario (DOB 05/19/87)

Narrative:

Elliot Keith Haliburton, the driver of a motorcycle that was struck by a drunk driver died Thursday, April 23, 2009 as a result of his injuries.

On Sunday, April 5, 2009, at 1:47 a.m. the Austin Police Department responded to a crash in the 4200 block of East Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Through the investigation it was determined that a black Mercedes and a group of six motorcycles had been traveling eastbound on MLK Boulevard. A silver Chevrolet pickup had been traveling westbound on MLK Boulevard at the same time. For unknown reasons the Chevrolet crossed the double yellow line and collided with the Mercedes. The Chevrolet continued westbound in the eastbound lanes of MLK Blvd. and struck two of the motorcycles. A driver of one of the motorcycles, Maurice Britt, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The passenger on that motorcycle, Audra Britt, was transported to University Medical Center at Brackenridge with critical injuries and later died as a result of her injuries. Haliburton was the driver of the second motorcycle involved in the crash.

The driver of the Chevrolet initially fled the scene on foot but was captured by Austin Police Officers and an Austin Police K-9. He was identified as Mario Hernandez-Rodriguez. As a result of field sobriety tests, Hernandez-Rodriguez



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will be charged with a total of 3 counts of Intoxication Manslaughter and 3 counts of Failure to Stop and Render Aid. He is currently in the Travis County Jail.

This case remains under investigation by APD Vehicular Homicide detectives. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call 974-8266. This is the 22nd traffic fatality of 2009.

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